

What is claimed is:

1. A trash can assembly, comprising:
  - 5 a shell having a top end and a bottom end;
  - a liner defining a container body, the liner fitted inside the shell;
  - a lid fitted over the top end;
  - a foot pedal positioned adjacent the bottom end of the shell;
  - a link assembly coupling the foot pedal and the lid; and
  - 10 a support block provided adjacent the bottom end of the shell for supporting the liner  
in a raised position with respect to the shell.
2. The assembly of claim 1, wherein the liner has a bottom end that is supported by the support block when the liner is in the raised position.
- 15 3. The assembly of claim 1, further including a base, with the support block provided on the base.
4. The assembly of claim 3, wherein the base defines a skirt surrounding the  
20 bottom end of the shell.
5. The assembly of claim 1, wherein the liner has an upper annular lip, and wherein the assembly further includes an annular wall provided at the top end of the shell, the annular wall having a groove which exposes a portion of the upper lip of the liner.
- 25 6. A trash can assembly, comprising:
  - a shell having a top end and a bottom end;
  - a liner defining a container body, the liner fitted inside the shell;
  - a lid fitted over the top end;
  - 30 a foot pedal positioned adjacent the bottom end of the shell;
  - a link assembly coupling the foot pedal and the lid; and
  - means provided adjacent the bottom end of the shell for supporting the liner in a  
raised position with respect to the shell.

7. The assembly of claim 6, wherein the liner has a bottom end that is supported by the support means when the liner is in the raised position.

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8. The assembly of claim 6, further including a base, with the support means provided on the base.

9. The assembly of claim 6, wherein the liner has an upper annular lip, and  
10 wherein the assembly further includes an annular wall provided at the top end of the shell, the annular wall having a groove which exposes a portion of the upper lip of the liner.

10. A method of replacing a trash bag that is supported by a liner in a trash can assembly, comprising:

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a. providing a trash can assembly having:

a shell having a top end and a bottom end;

a liner defining a container body;

a lid fitted over the top end;

a foot pedal positioned adjacent the bottom end of the shell;

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a link assembly coupling the foot pedal and the lid; and

a support block provided adjacent the bottom end of the shell;

b. fitting a trash bag inside the liner;

c. seating the liner inside the shell;

d. raising the liner with respect to the interior of the shell; and

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e. supporting the liner on the support block in a raised position with respect to the shell when removing the trash bag.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein step (d) further includes:

providing an annular wall at the top end of the shell, the annular wall having a

30 groove;

gripping an upper lip of the liner via the groove to raise the liner.